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REMARKS

Claims 33 through 44 are pending in the instant application.

These claims were suggested by the Examiner to not read on the elected invention because they are drawn to diagnosis of damage to kidneys while the originally presented claims were drawn to methods and kits for diagnosing renal diseases, hepatic diseases, rheumatoid arthritis or cardiovascular disease and the elected species was diabetic renal disease.

Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case and to clarify the relatedness of the instant claims to the elected invention, Applicants have amended claims 33 and 40 to be drawn to methods and kits for detecting damage to kidneys diagnostic of renal disease.

Further, Applicants are submitting herewith an amended paper copy and CRF copy of the Sequence Listing correcting the formatting issues and the invalid responses listed in the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report provided with the April 18, 2007 Office Communication. A Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 is also provided herewith.

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Applicants believe that this submission overcomes all issues raised in the Office Communication and comprises a full and complete response to the Office Communication of record. Further, as discussed in detail in the Amendment filed by Applicants on February 20, 2007, the claims as now presented overcome all pending rejections in this case. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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